Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) 9 miles in length with an average width of 30.

(*b*) No ; only some portions.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Some portions between the 6th and 9th mile are partly silted up.

Mr. G. Narayna Aiyar : On answer to part (c) of the question may I know, what is the extent of paddy fields that lie on both sides of canal ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : About two miles.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the portions silted up included in that extent ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know, is not water absolutely necessary for the fields that lie on both sides of the canal ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Yes, Sir. That is why maintenance of the canal is done.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know the nature of the maintenance done in the canal ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Where the canal is silted up year by year, that portion is deepended for which about Rs. 600 has been spent.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether there is any proposal to remove the silt in the remaining portions also ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : About one mile has already been deepened and the remaining portion will be deepened early next year.

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4. * **Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they get down any Malayalam daily papers for the use of the Legislative Library ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : Government are taking steps to make available to the Legislative Library Malayalam daily papers published from different parts of Travancore.

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